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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, the documents listed on the attached Form(s) PTO-1499 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the space adjacent each document entry on the Form(s) PTO-1449, and to return a copy of the initialed Form(s) PTO-1449 to confirm that the documents have been considered and have been officially make of record in this application.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at the number set forth below. This IDS is either being submitted within the 3 month deadline or prior to the 1st Office Action, therefore we don't believe there are any fees required. However, if any fees are required for consideration of this paper are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 021275.

Respectfully submitted.

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